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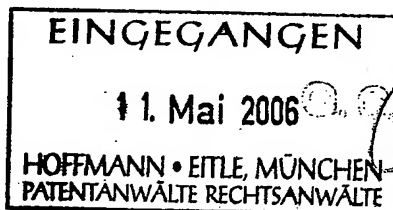
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1, 2, 4-18, 22-28, 41 and 42

An optical ring network with a plurality of local nodes configured to receive traffic at an assigned wavelength, disparate from wavelengths assigned to other local nodes and a data center node couple to the optical ring and operable to receive traffic from the plurality of local nodes, sort at least some of the traffic by destination, and transmit the traffic to a corresponding destination node at the assigned wavelength for that node, where at least some of the traffic comprises a request for data and the data center node is operable to retrieve the data.

2. claims: 1, 3, 15, 19-20

An optical ring network with a plurality of local nodes configured to receive traffic at an assigned wavelength, disparate from wavelengths assigned to other local nodes and a data center node couple to the optical ring and operable to receive traffic from the plurality of local nodes, sort at least some of the traffic by destination, and transmit the traffic to a corresponding destination node at the assigned wavelength for that node, where the optical ring comprises bidirectional pathways.

3. claim: Claims 29 to 40

An optical ring network with a plurality of local nodes configured to receive traffic at an assigned wavelength, disparate from wavelengths assigned to other local nodes, a primary and a back-up data center node operable to receive and store a copy of the stored data transmitted by the primary data center node in response to a back-up event.

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